

Jessie knew it, and her mother and father knew it. DETECTIVES SURE GIRL WAS AT CONEY ISLAND.

The work of the detective at Coney Island continues to bring to light more proof that Miss McCann was there, though it does not result in her discovery. They learned today that at about 11:30 o'clock Thursday morning, she called on Principal Frank J. Arnold of Public School No. 10, and telling him that she was a teacher and giving her own name, asked to be allowed to go through the school and watch the teaching methods.

Arnold introduced Miss McCann to Miss Goldsmith, one of the teachers, with whom she talked until noon, when Miss Goldsmith said she was going to lunch and invited the girl to go with her. Miss McCann, however, declined, saying she had lunch. She was at the school when Miss Goldsmith returned at 1 o'clock. She talked of her work in the school for Detachments and said that there was to be an excursion at her school in the near future, and that she wanted to familiarize herself with the public school methods.

She appeared in the full possession of her senses, according to Arnold and Miss Goldsmith. She chatted freely and showed great interest in her work and that she was a teacher. She acted as if free from all nervousness and was quite cheerful. Miss Goldsmith left her at the school at 2 o'clock, when her time was up. At 2:30, during recess, Miss McCann played with the children. She remained at the school until 3 o'clock, when everybody left. It was Mrs. Whitlock, whose daughter was at Good Ground, while Miss McCann was there, who first let slip the fact of Miss McCann's practical engagement. In fact, she called it an engagement, exclaiming:

"Way, it was a secret even in Jessie's own family."

It was in discussing Miss McCann's continued absence that Mrs. Whitlock spoke thoughtfully, remarking sympathetically:

"Isn't it an awful affair. And just after she had become engaged, too. It's terrible."

It must be very hard on her fiancé," was suggested.

SAYS GIRL'S FIANCE IS HEART-BROKEN OVER DISAPPEARANCE.

"Oh, it has been terribly hard on him," replied Mrs. Whitlock. "He is all broken up over it. Almost prostrated."

Then she seemed to realize that she was revealing a secret and declined absolutely to tell the name of the youth. It was learned, however, that friends of Miss McCann had expected the announcement of her engagement to a young man living in East Seventeenth street, a few blocks from the girl's home.

No information could be had from Miss Blanche Whitlock, for her mother said that the girl had been prostrated by the discovery of the case and had taken to her bed, ill.

Although a house-to-house search of Coney Island, from Sea Gate to Ocean Parkway, disclosed no trace yesterday of Miss McCann, Detectives Briston and State are still confident the girl is somewhere along the city's southern coast front, and that they will find her to-day.

As careful a search as was made yesterday will be conducted to-day over the territory east of Ocean Parkway, through Brighton and Manhattan Beaches and the Manhattan Beach Estates.

Briston obtained information to-day which convinces him that Loretta Dore, the nurse girl, who said that she saw Miss McCann in Coney Island Thursday and Friday of last week, was not mistaken in her identification of the missing girl. Miss Dore recalled that besides the orange feather in her brown velvet hat, Miss McCann wore a small black feather and to-day the girl's family recalled that such an ornament, forgotten when the description of the girl's apparel was made public, actually did adorn her hat.

MATRON AT SEASIDE PARK TALKED WITH THE GIRL.

Then the detective learned also from the matron in charge of the pavilion in Seaside Park, Coney Island, that a girl answering Miss McCann's description talked at some length with her on Thursday and to-day a sample of dress goods which, she said, she intended having made into a gown. Miss McCann carried such a sample and was to have done some shopping downtown on the day of her disappearance. It developed to-day that Miss Dore

had not known the missing girl prior to her encounter with Miss McCann at Coney Island Thursday. The nurse girl was waiting along Surf avenue, near the Municipal Baths, when a girl, who the police are satisfied was Miss McCann, ran across the beach and accosted her, saying:

"Please let me walk with you. There is a man with a dog right behind me, and I am afraid of him. I am suspicious of all men at Coney Island. I was sitting on a rock watching the surf and a man came up and spoke to me. I am terribly nervous."

Then, as she walked along beside the nurse, she said that she was a school teacher and that she had been for several years attending school, walking to and from Coney Island in the hope that she might find a husband and the exercise might prove good for her.

DID NOT SAY GIRL THEN SEEMED IRRATIONAL.

She accompanied Miss Dore only a few steps and then the nurse girl left her alone. She had some time to spare and had some time to spare and had some time to spare.

PLAN TO OFFER \$1,000 REWARD FOR ARREST OF "KIDNAPPERS."

While the police are satisfied that the girl wandered away, probably in a state of extreme nervousness, and that she was not kidnapped, the fact is held to the theory that some one kidnapped the girl and is restraining her now from returning home. These friends and members of the Epworth League, with which the girl was connected, are said to be planning to raise a fund of \$1,000 as a reward for the return of Miss McCann and the arrest and conviction of those responsible for her disappearance.

The stewards and trustees of St. Mark's E. Church, where Miss McCann taught Sunday School, met last night and discussed the girl's disappearance, but took no official action.

Despite the alarm of Miss McCann's friends, however, the attitude of the girl's family bears out the belief of the police that no kidnapping has taken place. Her father and mother, who have had some word from her, Harrison McCann, a younger brother of the girl, aged most of last night in Coney Island, whether he is said to have gone on a tip that he would find her asleep in a Brighton Beach hotel.

Young Mr. McCann would not admit, when he got back, that he had found any definite trace of his sister, but his manner was far removed from the hopelessness all the family have shown as due after clue failed.

A singular case was observable in the demeanor of Miss Ethel McCann, the girl's eighteen-year-old sister. Miss Ethel was even quieter as she talked with the reporters concerning the case. As before, she insisted that her sister would be home within ten days. But she would give no definite reason for her prediction, contenting herself with saying that Jessie was too good a girl to remain away when her absence caused so much grief to her parents.

POLICE EXPECT GIRL WILL COME BACK SOON.

In this confidence Police Inspector Faurot, who has been placed in charge of the case by the Mayor, apparently shares.

"I think Miss McCann will come home," he says. "I do not believe she has been kidnapped anywhere. She will come back of her own free will."

Beyond this the Inspector would not go. He is busy sifting clues which continue to pour into his office from almost every conceivable source. He explains, however, that the McCann family have not yet turned over to him the girl's clothing, which was received at breakfast Thursday morning, the reading of which made her cry.

The father and mother of the girl insist this letter was from a girl friend and contained nothing which could in any way have been connected with her disappearance.

They say Jessie read the letter aloud at the table, and explain their refusal to give the writer's name by their unwillingness to drag any friend into the case.

In like manner, the McCann's denied all knowledge of the "chubby student" who has been mentioned as an acquaintance of Jessie's, who might be able to throw light on her disappearance. It was learned from others, however, that the Columbia student was Harold Callahan, who lives with his parents at No. 13 Cumberland avenue, Brooklyn.

Mr. Callahan has been so persistent in connection with the case that he made a statement last night at his home, saying his acquaintance with Miss McCann was of the slightest and he knew nothing whatever of her present whereabouts. He met her, he said, at Good Ground last summer.

A discrepancy appears in the statements of the family concerning the girl's visit to Good Ground and that of the other person who might be expected to know most about it. The McCanns have said that Jessie was a guest at Good Ground of Mrs. Daniel Turnbull, wife of a neighbor in Flatbush, who now lives at No. 31 East Eighteenth street.

Mrs. Turnbull, on the other hand, said that Miss McCann had visited at Good Ground last summer, but was not a guest at her house, but lived at a hotel across the way. Miss Blanche Whitlock, whom the McCanns had mentioned as being at Good Ground with Jessie, was not the hotel with Miss McCann, but at Mrs. Turnbull's house, the latter said, and the two girls returned to Brooklyn on different dates.

DOCTOR STILL ADHERES TO APHASIA THEORY.

"The house was filled with guests and she stayed for three weeks at the Hotel Arlington across the road from my home," she said. "Miss Whitlock was with me. She left the Tuesday following Labor Day, but Miss McCann remained at the hotel a week longer. She was alone at the hotel, so far as I know. I do not know Mrs. Callahan."

From sources outside the family and

REBELS MASSES FOR BIG BATTLE AT TAMPICO CITY

American Consul Sends Wireless That Fighting May Begin Any Moment.

MAY LAND U. S. MARINES

Admiral Fletcher Ready After Request That All Foreigners Leave Place.

VERA CRUZ, Mexico, Dec. 10.—An overwhelming force of revolutionaries threatens to attack Tampico at any moment, according to advice received by wireless telegraph today from Clarence A. Miller, American Consul at that port.

A message from Gen. Villarreal, the rebel commander, reached the American Consul at Tampico last night, with the information that 4,000 rebels commanded by Gen. Villarreal and Castro were approaching the city. The advance guard of the rebel column, it was said, had reached Laguna Durio, nine miles distant from Tampico.

Gen. Villarreal declared his intention of proceeding with the rebels to the city, with the rebel column on the city. He said he had given his followers strict orders to refrain as far as possible from the destruction of property and to make every effort to protect the lives of foreigners, but feared they would be gravely imperiled in the confusion resulting from an assault on the city and the consequent fighting in the streets.

For this reason Gen. Villarreal earnestly requested the American authorities to take immediate steps to remove all foreign residents from the place.

Up to the time of the dispatch of Consul Miller's advice no definite action had been taken. In response to the request, however, the United States fleet, the commander of the United States fleet, had made preparations to take on board of his vessels at a moment's notice all foreigners and to land marines if it appeared advisable.

It is understood that the captain of the German cruiser Bremen conferred with Rear-Admiral Fletcher on the question of the landing of marines and gave a courteous assurance that he would act in complete harmony with the American Admiral's desires.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—The placing of the scout cruiser Chester and the gunboat Wheeling at Tampico yesterday was intended by the Navy to meet just such an emergency as rebel attacks on the city. The Chester and Wheeling, ships of light draught, with the Tacoma and the supply ship Culgoon, also at Tampico, can approach near enough to the city to take off Americans and other foreigners who may be endangered, while the battleships Rhode Island and Michigan are obliged, because of their great displacement, to the seven and eight miles out to sea.

police it was learned yesterday that on the Tuesday before her disappearance Miss McCann and her mother visited Dr. Roger Durham, the family physician, at No. 22 Park place. He had been treating Miss McCann for nervous disorders, but this time was called upon to make a physical examination.

"I will state my professional reputation," said Dr. Durham last night, "that Miss McCann was in no physical distress of any sort. I wish it understood that her only ailment was of a mental nature. I think she is suffering from aphasia and will return ultimately to the normal state. She is searching the neighborhood of Tioja, a suburb, and a clue received this morning by Inspector Faurot. It was reported to the Inspector that a girl resembling Miss McCann had been seen on Chestnut street, Philadelphia, and been traced to Wayne Junction station on the Reading Railroad, where she bought a ticket for Tioja."

Miss Ethel McCann made a statement to-day which is thought to embody the thought of the family on her sister's disappearance. She said:

"I am sure the real trouble is that her mind has broken down, for she studied hard—algebra, geometry, and so on. She was too nervous and nervous to do things for other people. She had a hard fight to keep off melancholia and mental depression."

"When she was a settlement worker before being appointed a teacher in the Detachment Children, she worked in an Italian settlement in Manhattan. We have had all her old friends searching for her through the Chrystie street district, and were quite hopeful she would appear in that neighborhood. But we have had no reports that she has been seen there."

A story has come to the police from Mrs. Frank Smith, No. 28 Madison street, Flatbush, that a girl closely resembling Miss McCann appeared at her home Sunday afternoon during the rain-storm and asked for refuge to take her to East New York, where she said she was. For the last five years she has been a member of the church and was impressed with the refined appearance of the girl and gave her the money.

Harrison McCann, younger brother of the girl, called a meeting last night in his home of the members of his fraternity the Alpha Gamma Phi, as well as of his business associates. The score of more young men who attended agreed to form themselves into an amateur detective corps to follow up every clue. Hundreds of letters, most of them presumably from cranks, have been received by the family and the police for the last five years and of these they are planning also to raise a fund among friends of the girl and members of her church to employ a private detective agency to carry on the search.

Child Care Handbook and Girls' Guide to the World's Fair, 1919, are now on sale at 10c each.

SENATOR WHO HAS WON RICH NOBEL PRIZE FOR HIS AID IN PEACE WORK.



ELIHU ROOT

UP-STATE GRAFT FUNDS TRACED THROUGH A BANK

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Schoharie county, and who has been trying to be appointed chairman of the up-state Public Service Commission.

GRAND JURY TAKES UP HASSETT CASE.

The Grand Jury this afternoon, in addition to considering the Palmer matter, resumed its investigation of the charges against Thomas Hasset, confidential adviser to State Engineer John A. Bannell. He is accused of extorting \$1,500 from a contractor named Aldrich in consideration of pushing through a claim for \$17,000 which Aldrich had against the State.

A woman witness bearing a subpoena commanding her to appear before the Grand Jury in the Hasset matter was in attendance in the Grand Jury ante room all afternoon. She is young and good looking and her subpoena was addressed to "Mrs. Glynn, No. 101 West One Hundred and Forty-third street."

Mrs. Glynn, it was learned late this afternoon, is Hasset's housekeeper. She objects to calling her in to learn, if possible, who was in Hasset's apartment when the alleged payment by Aldrich to Hasset was made. On this point the District-Attorney appears to be shy of corroboration.

The District-Attorney was informed to-day that Hasset is back in New York and is willing to appear whenever called for. He has been in Santo Domingo looking over the prospect of getting some contracts for road construction down there.

BOSS MURPHY WILL MAKE NO COMMENT.

Charles F. Murphy said this afternoon at Tammany Hall that he had no comment to make upon the testimony given by his namesake, John M. Murphy, on the witness stand yesterday. "I'll say nothing until I am called," he explained.

"Do you expect to be called?" he was asked.

"I do not, but you know they're liable to call anyone."

And not another word would Mr. Murphy say.

The linking of the names of James E. Caffery, boss of the Tammany political front of Charles F. Murphy, and the late Joseph D. Carroll, another intimate of the Tammany leader, in the investigation through the testimony of John M. Murphy, a paving contractor, yesterday is only one of the shots that District-Attorney Whitman has fired at the boss's eye he hopes to strike before the proceedings close.

John M. Murphy is to take the stand again and it is expected that he will go even "higher up" than he has gone. But the distance already accomplished is greater than has ever been achieved in any similar inquiry.

WHITMAN AIMS TO PROVE A GREAT CONSPIRACY.

The aim of the District-Attorney is to prove the existence of a well organized conspiracy, and this he feels able to show to the people of this city. And in this line he believes he will reach the topmost top.

In contemplating investigations such as the one in question the "man in the street" is usually keen only for sensations, and when these are not forthcoming day after day he begins to think the investigation itself is failing in its purpose. But the "man in the street" need have no apprehension as to the failure of sensations now that Mr. Whitman has struck the blow opened up by the testimony of John M. Murphy. Mr. Whitman feels that Murphy, while answering clearly and with directness all the questions put to him during yesterday's session before Chief Magistrate Caffery, possesses far more information than was adduced then, and on Friday next both questions and answers are to be sensational.

The investigations of the District-Attorney thus far have touched only the Democratic branch of the State's political party, and this is readily explained. For the last five years the power up-State has been Democratic. The statute of limitations for misdemeanors is two years and for crimes five years. For this reason the Republicans have not been dragged into the net, since their affairs, whether criminal or not, are beyond the reach of the District-Attorney by reason of the statute. This would seem to set aside any criticism of Mr. Whitman for failure to bring any member of his own political party into the case.

How far "up" the head of the Dis-

SMITHS CHOSEN AS THE NEW HEAD OF N. Y. CENTRAL

Directors Declare the Regular Quarterly Dividend on 5 Per Cent. Basis.

Directors of the New York Central and Hudson River railroad system today declared a quarterly dividend of 11.4 per cent. This is at the regular rate of 5 per cent. per annum. Despite this action, the stock of the company sank today to the lowest point in many years. On Stock Exchange New York Central sold at 91.4, as compared with 121 last year, and a long previous period of prices between 100 and 120.

At the same time the Lake Shore Railroad, the principal subsidiary of the New York Central, which owns most of the stock, declared its dividend at the rate of 12 per cent., thus putting millions into the Central treasury for distribution.

SMITH ELECTED PRESIDENT TO SUCCEED BROWN.

In addition to dividend action the New York Central directors chose a new president to succeed William C. Brown, who retires at the end of the year. Alfred H. Smith, senior, vice-president of the system and a practical operating man like his predecessors, Brown and Newman, was promoted to the presidency of both Central and Lake shore companies.

New Haven directors met in the afternoon for a prolonged session to discuss the company's strained financial condition and to decide what dividend, if any, should be declared for this quarter of the year. For many years past the company's dividend has been at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum. Throughout New England the stock was considered almost as stable and reliable a security as Government bonds.

For the first quarter of this year the directors declared a dividend of 3 per cent., which was at the regular rate. Then the company's troubles began piling up fast and the rate was cut to 6 per cent. The declarations for the second and third quarters were 1.5 per cent. This made a total of 5 per cent. paid for three quarters of the year.

Vice-President Timothy E. Byrne, one of the most widely known officials of the old New Haven regime, announced to-day his retirement from the service.

1916 BOOST FOR BRYAN.

Six Hundred Ohio Grangers Ticket Him for the Presidency.

LEMA, O., Dec. 10.—A boost for William Jennings Bryan for President in 1916 was started last night at the meeting of the Ohio State Grange and was continued by the six hundred delegates present.

A sensation was sprung when State Grange Secretary Freeman of Tipppecanoe City, O., offered resolutions commending Bryan for his recent visit to Houston for his recent failure to receive and address the Ohio Corn Boys on their visit to Washington. The resolution read that "the Ohio State Grange commends the State Grange of Houston for its recent failure to receive and address the Ohio Corn Boys on their visit to Washington."

St. Malachy's Basketball Team. St. Malachy's C. C. basketball team of Brooklyn will endeavor to add another victory to the long list already to their credit when they tackle the St. John's College Five on their own court tonight. The teams are evenly matched and a hard fought game is expected.

It will be shown that the payment of campaign contributions and graft did not really come out of the pockets of these contractors, but out of the pockets of the taxpayers.

It will be shown that whenever graft or contribution, or whatever name the amount bore, was expected or demanded as the price of work, the graft payment was in the contract before the contract was signed—that the cost of the work to the State actually included a certain sum for the gratuity who were fattening their pockets upon it.

Whatever else John M. Murphy knows of the "shaking down" business, he will have ample opportunity to disclose to the Grand Jury, as he was subpoenaed last night to appear before that body on Tuesday next. But it is Mr. Whitman's intention to place him on the stand before Magistrate Muldoon on Friday of this week.

This is the last day on which Martin L. Gorman, for Keveret Power, under indictment for extortion, can file a brief on his motion to dismiss the indictment against his client on the ground that this county has no jurisdiction in the matter. When he does file the brief it will be with Justice Davis of the Supreme Court and Mr. Whitman, through Assistant District-Attorney Clark, will file an answer.

STEAMSHIPS DUE TO-DAY.

Patricia, Hamburg, 10 A. M.
Lemay, Jacksonville, 10 " "
Olympic, Southampton, 10 " "
Edgar, Wilmington, 10 " "

SCHMIDT'S FATHER HERE; ASSERTS SON WAS ALWAYS GOOD

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This part of the body was packed about with crumpled newspaper and newspaper and, like the other, bound with insulated electric wire. The package was weighed with scales.

Detective Stephen P. Sullivan of the West Shore Railroad described the opening of the second package and its transfer to the Westchester police. He was not cross-examined.

Dr. G. W. King, County Physician of Hudson County, repeated his testimony given at the Coroner's inquest regarding the causes of the death of Anna Aumuller.

QUESTIONS TOUCHING PRISONER'S SANITY NOT ALLOWED.

Mr. Ottrott was not allowed to ask the following question, though he varied it in several forms: "Could you say that such clean-cut, intelligent dissection could have been done by a sane man, who was working on the body of his friend, his sweetheart?"

Dr. Arthur T. Haskin, called like the other witnesses from outside the courtroom, testified the observations and conclusions of Dr. King, whom he assisted at the autopsy.

IDENTIFIES PHOTO OF FELLOW SERVANT IN RECTORY.

Anna Hirt under questioning by Mr. Delahanty identified photographs of Anna Aumuller.

"When did you first meet Anna Aumuller?" asked Mr. Delahanty.

"On Thanksgiving Day, 1912, at St. Boniface," said the girl. "She came to work there the following Saturday."

The two girls entered each other's bedrooms with intimate freedom, the witness said, and she indicated a birth mark on a photograph of the ghostly relic of the body as one with which she was familiar.

She saw Anna Aumuller embroider the pillowcase on the fragment of the body found at Shady Side with the initials "A. A."

"During the time you and Anna Aumuller were at the rectory of St. Boniface," asked Mr. Delahanty, "did you see this photograph?" He showed a full-length photograph of Anna Aumuller.

Q. Did she show you a picture of a man to whom she was to be married. A. She did.

Q. The picture the court officer now shows you? A. Yes.

This photograph was that of Hans Schmidt in lay dress.

"One day," she said, "we were out on Sunday and she said she was supposed to have been married to a man the day before but she wasn't because he wouldn't live with her all the time, but only visit her from time to time. When she told us on Aug. 12, she was going to leave, she said she was going to marry him after all two weeks later."

Sgt. S. according to the witness, Anna Aumuller went to the rectory and said she had been at a flat at No. 84 Batigate avenue, lived at \$3 a month by "her intended." She refused to tell his name.

Miss Hirt said that Anna Aumuller had joked regarding her delicate condition just before the removal to the Batigate avenue flat.

SAID SHE MIGHT CALL HIM "JOHN SCHMIDT."

"Anna told me," said Miss Hirt to Judge Ottrott, "that the name of the man whose picture she showed me wasn't to be told, but that I could call him John Schmidt."

Q. Did she ever say she meant to marry Father Schmidt? A. No, sir.

Q. What did she say? A. Why, I asked

ROLLER SKATES SPEED POST-OFFICE CLERKS

Speed in the Evening World. The first installed the last fast in speed and efficiency. It is roller skates for its employees. That makes them service today among the employees in the checking rooms and more will probably be put on by the roller experts on the force during the next few days among clerks in the other departments.

The approaching Christmas rush of business has been such that the way was to expedite the work of the clerks, who had much traveling to do from one department to another, was to equip them with roller skates. The Bureau of the Post-Office are all concrete, and the skates, the users say, work to perfection over the floors.

HELEN FEHER FOUND.

Missing New York Girl Found as Domestic in Atlantic City.

ATLANTIC CITY, Dec. 10.—After the police of a dozen cities had searched since June 30 for seventeen-year-old Helen Feher of No. 408 East Fifty-fourth street, New York, Detective Agent George Herbert located her at No. 22 Reed street, this city, today. She was working as a domestic. She was placed in the Florence Crittenton Home, pending the arrival of her father.

Detective Herbert has discovered that she had been induced to leave home by a youth who promised to marry her. But she suspected that his design was evil and obtained a place as a servant.

But the place where it grew is covered with fresh earth and there is not a twig or a sprig apparently in existence. The bed was within a few feet of the Cabinet Room and not far from the President's office.

MYSTERY OF THE MINT BED.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—What has become of the historic White House mint bed? No one seems to know, nor who gave the order that led to its disappearance. Andrew Jackson is said to have planted it, and no President since that time has touched it, except to pull the richly flavored towels and leaves from the branches of the plants. During all the changes in the White House buildings and grounds it has survived.

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